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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda for the session is reproduced above.

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Item 2 Follow-up to the recommendations adopted by the Conference at its ninth session

Establishment of the three Commissions

At its ninth session, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development decided that the Board would have three Commissions: the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities; the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues; and the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development (TD/377, para. 108). It identified the areas and issues which each Commission would deal with (TD/377, paras. 109-111), and it decided that an executive session of the Board should be convened to establish the three Commissions and to identify two agenda items for their first sessions (TD/377, para. 112). The Board may therefore wish to identify two agenda items for discussion by each Commission at its first session on the basis of the decisions of the Conference.

The Board may also wish inter alia to address other issues referred to it by the Conference.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(13)/CRP.2 Matters requiring the attention of the Board in the follow-up to UNCTAD IX

Item 3 Review of the calendar of meetings

At its ninth session, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development decided that the Board would ensure that the calendar of meetings is carefully regulated and the number of meetings within UNCTAD's scope of activity reduced (TD/377, para. 107(a)). It also decided that the regular session of the Board would be convened in one part in autumn for approximately 10 working days (TD/377, para. 107(c)). The Board's Commission's would meet once a year unless otherwise decided by the Board and their sessions should be as short as possible and not exceed five working days (TD/377, para. 107). Expert meetings convened by the Commissions would be of short duration, not exceeding three days; the total number of expert meetings would not exceed 10 per annum (TD/377, para.114).

On the basis of the above, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a draft calendar for the remainder of 1996 and an indicative calendar for 1997. The draft calendar for 1996 provides for the convening of the first session of each of the Commissions.

Documentation

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Item 4 Provisional agenda for the forty-third session of the Trade and Development Board

The draft provisional agenda for the forty-third session of the Board will be submitted by the secretariat for consideration by the Board.

Item 5 Other business

- Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and Programme Budget on its twenty-seventh session (17-18 June 1996)

Item 6 Report of the Board on its thirteenth executive session